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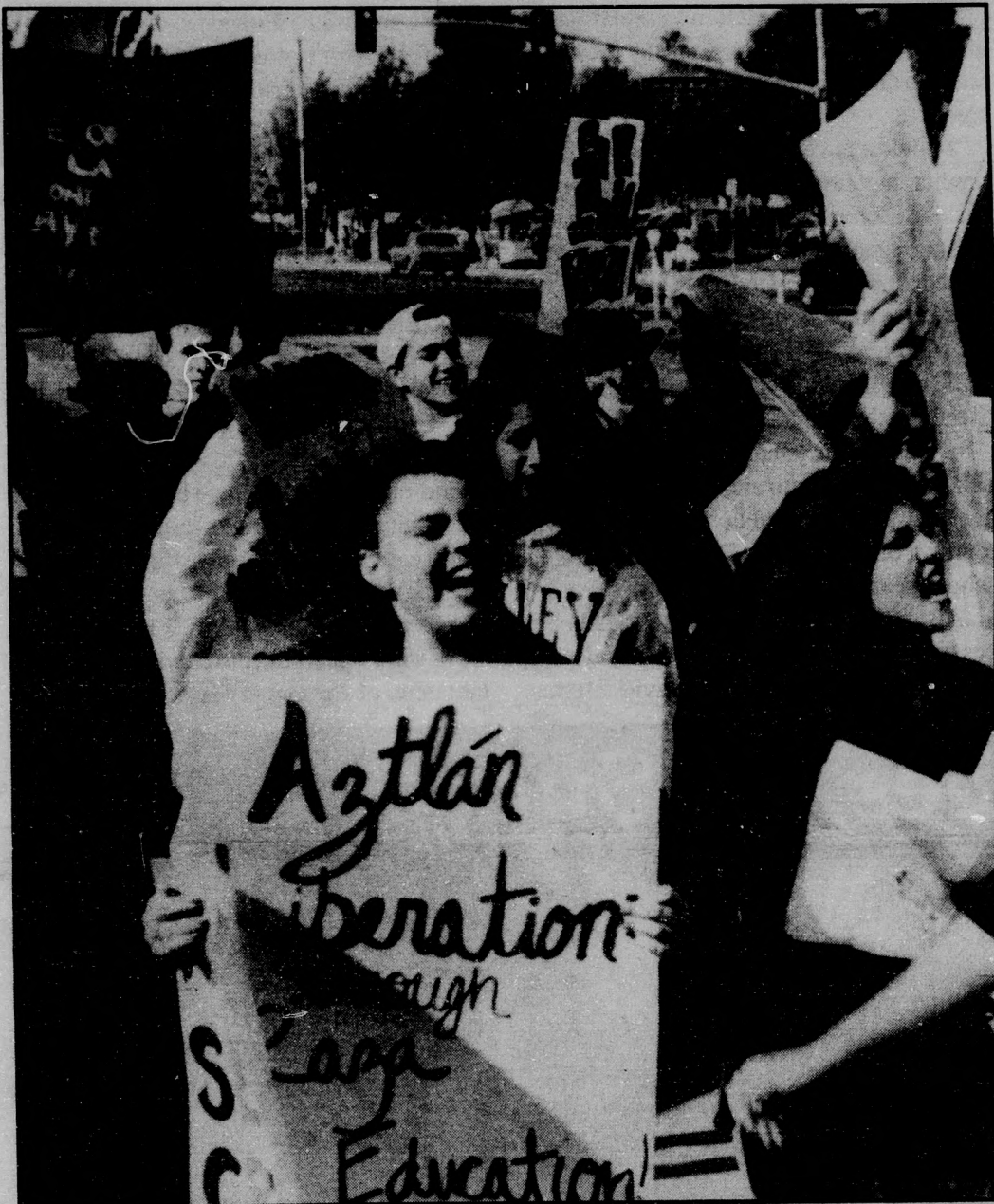
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UNITED FOR A CAUSE

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About 25 members of the Chicano group MEChA held up signs and chanted in protest of the current status of Chicano studies at RSC. The organization wants more Chicano studies classes added to the course list and more Chicano faculty members.

Club rallies for change

MEChA students demand more classes for Chicano studies; push for stand-alone A.A. degree

By Roger Denman
el Don News Editor

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Chants of "Chicano power" echoed through the mall of RSC's main campus Wednesday, Nov. 17, as students protested in order to rally support for the re-instatement of a Chicano studies program and hiring of new Chicano instructors.

Currently, Rancho Santiago does not offer an associate degree in Chicano studies; however, it is listed in the course catalog as an option under the requirements for an associate degree in ethnic studies.

The amount of Chicano instructors, as well as other ethnic minority instructors at RSC is low, according to Dr. Ed Hernandez, executive vice chancellor. Only 25 percent

of all Rancho instructors are minorities.

The protesters, members of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atzlan, or MEChA, demanded that students be able to earn an A.A. degree in Chicano studies itself, rather than have it be an option under the ethnic studies program.

Eddie Beas, a MEChA member and an organizer of the event, explained why the group decided to have the protest.

"We (MEChA) want more classes in Chicano studies. The program has deteriorated through the years. We would also like more Chicano instructors here," Beas said.

In November, the RSC ethnic student distribution report said that the school has a 30 percent Chicano population. This translates

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OPINION: Will the protest work? Page 6

Assistant coach suffers heart attack; dies at 46

Mark A. Peinado
el Don Sports Editor

RSC assistant football coach Mike Rush died Tuesday Nov. 23, of an apparent heart attack at Saddleback Memorial Hospital.

Rush, 46, was at the home of close friend Jim Anthor, a former assistant coach of Rush's at Mission Viejo High, when he suffered the fatal attack. He died at 5:41 p.m., according to medical officials. Rush had previously had a heart attack about five years ago.

Dave Ogas, RSC head football coach was a rival with Rush on the gridiron back in 1965. Ogas attended Fullerton College while Rush went to Santa Ana College.

"He was a man of great character," said Ogas. "Mike was one of those guys you respected greatly. He really cared about our staff and players."

"All of our coaching staff was just shocked. We had just had a final season wrap-up on Monday," said Ogas. Rush was supposed to have gone fishing in Colorado the night he passed away.

The former head football coach at Mission Viejo High resigned last Spring amid controversy over some of the athletes wearing a banned mascot logo featuring the devil. Parents of several players campaigned for his reinstatement as coach. When the school policy was later judged illegal, Rush sought to get his job back but was turned down by the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.

In his five years as the Diablos' head

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Mike Rush

"He was a man of great character. Mike was one of those guys you respected greatly. He really cared about our staff and players."

Dave Ogas,
RSC head football coach

College discovers \$8 million surplus

■ Last year's across-the-board cuts may not have been necessary, officials say

By Bettina Nellen
el Don Staff Writer

ADMINISTRATION - Low tax revenues and a faltering economy forced the RSC Board of Trustees to take tough economic measures that created about an \$8 million general fund surplus for the current fiscal year.

Although the state of California requires the district to keep about \$2 million, or a three percent reserve, a quarter of RSC's current fund, the board was urged to take extra precautions to safeguard against unexpected shortfalls.

"We need a reserve," said Pete Maddox, vice president of the board. "We need to be healthy financially but there are very good arguments for not having a reserve as high as it is."

Cutbacks were carried out in almost every area even if only \$100 was saved, said Stephen G. Garcia, vice chancellor of business operations and fiscal services.

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■ CAMPUS NEWS

Briefly

My Favorite Teacher

Do you have a great instructor at RSC? Why not show your recognition and appreciation for their teaching excellence. The nomination for the RSC 1994 Distinguished Faculty Award are now being accepted. Nomination forms are at any RSC campus administration building and must be returned and completed by Dec. 14.

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Donate A Diaper

Little ones need your help. Bring in unused cloth or disposable diapers to the RSC Diaper Drive from now until Dec. 8. All diapers collected will go to Baby Buddies and Friends, Inc. for the care of HIV positive babies. Monetary contributions and diaper coupons are also welcome.

Toys For Tots

The holiday toy drive at RSC is in progress until Dec. 15. New wrapped toys are requested. The toys will be given to children of the RSC parents Care Program and the Single Parents Club. Please label the donated toy for a boy or girl and which age group. For more information about the programs, contact Alice Hernandez at ext. 6510 or Rejoice Rodarte at ext. 6232. All extra toys will be donated to charity.

Compiled by
Shannon D. Eastman

SURPLUS: revenue higher than expected

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The district's final balance for the 1992-93 fiscal year was higher than expected, by about \$3 million, because the revenue was projected conservatively in the first place, said Garcia.

In addition, immediate layoffs earlier that fiscal year, reductions of expenses and cutting of programs contributed to the unanticipated surplus.

"There was considerable discussion over whether the district should budget on a worst case scenario," said Maddox.

Finally, the board decided to take the risk of cutting jobs, programs and, as a result, came out with a larger reserve.

A reduction of faculty was achieved by an early retirement incentive which led to the departure of 21 faculty members last year, according to Elizabeth Harris, dean of Personnel Services.

While no faculty had been laid off during the last two years, classified staff suffered from drastic cutbacks.

Twenty-three full-time and 32 part-time classified staff members lost jobs last year. In addition, 22 classified staff had working hours reduced and eight full-time staff members were bumped into lower classifications.

"There's only two reasons that they [classified staff] can be laid off: for lack of funds or lack of work," said Bob Marshenko, first vice president of the Classified School Employees Association.

"The worst thing I could do is say that we're going to get all the revenue. I've been in this business long enough to know that the state is never going to materialize the full money."

Stephen G. Garcia,
Vice Chancellor
for Fiscal Affairs



"If they're [the district] in a good financial shape I don't see any reason why they can't start hiring some of these people back," he said.

"I think it is very difficult for anybody to predict the future, and it's always much easier to look backward and be a Monday morning quarterback," said Executive Vice Chancellor Ed Hernandez.

Because of expected budget shortfalls for the coming year, the proposed final budget at the end of fiscal year 1993-94 is expected to reduce the surplus to about \$3.7 million.

In addition, the state's Department of Finance in Sacramento announced in November that state and local tax support for community colleges will be less during 1994-95 school year than it is for 1993-94.

Also, a significant recovery from the recession "seems unlikely during calendar year 1994," according to David Mertes,

state chancellor. However, the decrease in state aid won't affect the college's budget because of the conservative revenue projection, said Garcia.

"The worst thing I could do is say that we're going to get all the revenue," said Garcia. "I've been in this business long enough to know that the state is never going to materialize the full money."

As of yet, no measures have been initiated that would extend next year's budget expenditures.

"I am not sure that it would be prudent right now to decide how we're going to spend our money until we have some more information," Hernandez said.

However, some of the classified staff members have been hired back and some staff members have returned to their former hourly work week, according to David Hath, assistant dean of Personnel Services.

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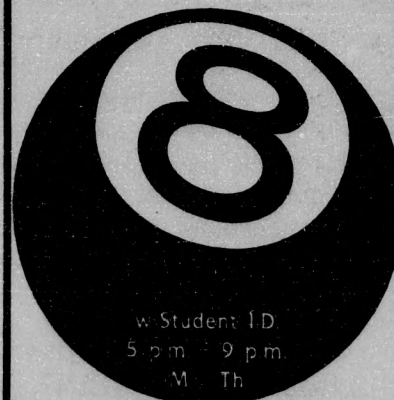
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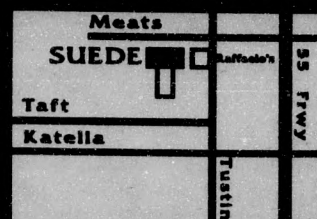
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to about 6,575 students. And there are only a few Chicano studies classes to accommodate these students.

"I think we should have more classes about our (latino) culture, like workshops for example," Jesse Silva, an RSC student. "When you hear Rancho Santiago, it's a Spanish name. We should be represented more."

Beas said that this year's protest was successful for several reasons.

"Last year we were just out there yelling. This year we were asking for an A.A. degree and we have a purpose," he said.

MEChA members are planning to submit a proposal to the Board of Trustees that, if passed, will eventually incorporate a Chicano studies associate degree into RSC's

curriculum. "We put this proposal together and we would like for the changes to take place over the next three years. We're not asking for something impossible," said Beas.

The proposal will request that a Chicano political science course and another Chicano history course be added to the curriculum. Also, MEChA officials say that they want Chicano instructors to be hired to teach these classes.

Hernandez said that active student involvement may produce the results that MEChA is hoping for, but the classes that are being offered for the A.A. degree in ethnic studies need to be changed.

"Some of the classes that are listed in the catalog are not even being offered. The degree option is in tact, but the classes that are offered under the ethnic studies degree need to be audited," said John Nixon, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs.

ASSISTANT:

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coach, Mission Viejo won two South Coast League championships and compiled a winning percentage of .738 (45-16). Rush began his career as an assistant at Mission Viejo in 1978 and coached at Sunny Hills High.

He continued to teach economics and history at Mission Viejo after his resignation.

About four years ago, Ogas thought if he ever had the chance to get Rush on his staff, he'd make every effort to do it. When Rush resigned, Ogas asked him to be an assistant. Rush accepted and became the

Dons' outside linebackers coach last summer.

"He was the best coach I ever had," said Jason Ortiz, RSC linebacker. "I felt devastated. It was more than a player-coach relationship. Coach Rush was a great person, a motivator."

Rush is survived by his wife, Pam, and three children—Payson, Jennifer, and Jaymie. Funeral services were held on Monday.

Editor's note: The el Don apologizes for any misinformation in the Nov. 19 story on crime rise at RSC. Any mistakes or misconceptions construed by the reader were unintentional and we apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused.

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'Tis The Season To Spend

Lessen holiday headaches by making a list and checking it twice

By Sheila Goetz
el Don Staff Writer

The ancient practice of giving gifts is still alive, albeit a bit more difficult. People around the world find occasions to give gifts, and sometimes give them to create the occasion.

Although it's come a long way since the antiquated practice of presenting livestock to future in-laws, purchasing gifts has evolved into a specialized skill. When making a list for celebrating Hanukkah or Christmas, gifts can either go practical or be wild and creative. As I did my own holiday shopping, I discovered some practical, as well as a few unusual gift ideas.

There are serviceable gifts that don't receive a zealous response but a wholehearted thanks. These include certificates for car washes, nail salons, hair style services, dry cleaners and grocery stores.

Then there are the serviceable, but unusual gifts. These ideas range from flying or sky diving lessons, a session of bungee cord jumping, a visit to an acupuncturist or an appointment with a massage therapist - to knead those post holiday knots out of a tensed body.

If the recipient of the gift dislikes exposing his or her bare skin to the ministrations of a masseuse, another alternative for the stressed out would be a battery-operated, hand held massager. Compact massagers retail for under \$15 in many stores.

Gift ideas for those who are difficult to shop for require a bit more thought. An aluminum covered



Joyce DeVries / el Don Photo

day planner, for the person who is prone to dropping things, can be found at Brookstone in the Main Place mall. The indestructible organizer retails for \$35. The store has the item prewrapped for the holiday season for shopper convenience.

If trips to surrounding malls with seas of parked cars is a downer, a possible escape is to box and wrap several mail order catalogs together with instructions to the recipient. Indicating a dollar amount and suggestions to choose one or more items from the catalogs is advisable.

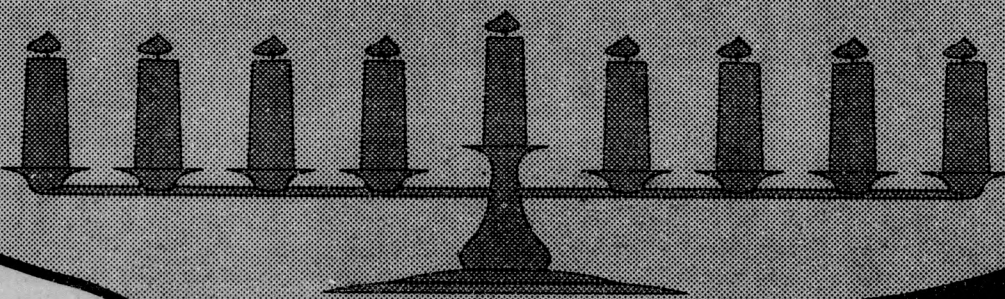
For the even harder person to shop for, give up and invest in department store gift certificates, particularly from the stores they shop at. Shopping for children can be fun and also the most

vexing. Manufacturers have saturated society with every toy imaginable, from Betsy Wetsy to the new Mommy Has a Baby doll, and from Barney plush toys and sing-along-cassettes to Sega Genesis and virtual reality helmet.

If the mere thought of wading through these possibilities is depressing, try purchasing a small toy and opening a savings account in the child's name--adding to it annually. It will be greatly appreciated later on.

When determined to fight the crowds, plan shopping expeditions in advance by preparing a gift list with at least three items per person.

Once prepared for the retail battlefield, gift list and credit cards in hand, say a prayer and hope that it will be a quick and painless shopping spree.



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Dance the Night Away

The RSC dance faculty holds their annual production on Dec. 3-5 in Phillips Hall.

By Erin Neal
el Don Staff Writer



TWO TO TANGO: Student hoofers perform on stage to raise money for dance scholarships and a master dance class series. Concert experience helps students get a taste of the professional world.

Photo Courtesy of The Dance Department

RSC's dance students will leap into action with their rendition of modern dance, jazz and tap at the annual Faculty Dance Concert in Phillips Hall.

"All of the (dance) pieces are choreographed by RSC Dance faculty and a guest choreographer," said Sylvia Turner, production director and RSC dance department chair.

Some of the pieces have themes dealing with isolation, alienation and comedy.

Dennon Rawles, guest choreographer, is well known for his work in more than six feature films, including "Staying Alive", "Bugsy" and "Body Heat".

RSC student Janet Ambruso, who will be dancing under Rawles in the piece titled "It's Never Too Late", said she is excited to be working with someone who is renowned in the dance world.

"We're pleased to have a choreographer like Dennon

Rawles because his work is so recognized in Hollywood," said Turner.

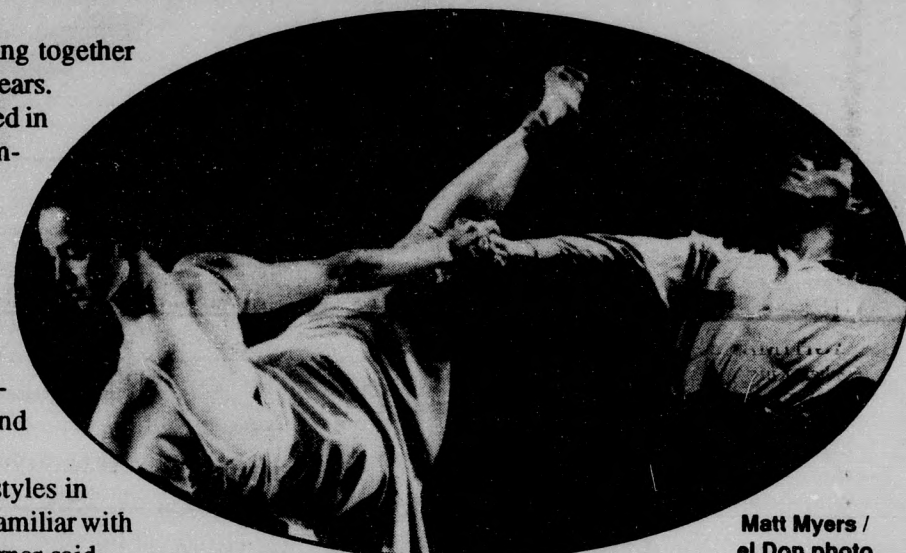
The Dance Department has been putting together their faculty performances for over ten years.

"The teachers (at RSC) are more involved in a personal level with students," said Ambruso.

"They're very caring and help students grow as dancers and individuals," she said.

Performances of The Faculty Dance Concert are on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$8; students, seniors, children and staff are \$6.

There is such a wide variety of dance styles in this production, even someone who isn't familiar with dance will find something enjoyable, Turner said.



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el Don photo

What's kickin' in O.C.



ART

'All In the Family'

This exhibit of mixed media by Laurits Haaning XVIII, Lynn Kubasek and Rick Wilkie examines family life in the '90s. Admission is free. Hours are Tues.-Fri. 1-5:30 p.m. thru Dec. 18. It is located at BX Space, 235 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach.



FLICKS

'Beethoven's 2nd'

This is a movie you can take the little one's to during the holiday season. It stars Debi Mazar and Chris Penn. Check your local listings for times and dates.

READING

Creative minds

RSC's creative writing and poetry students will read poetry and prose on Monday, Dec. 6, at noon in the Board Room of the Administration Building of the Santa Ana Campus.

PLACES

Monkeying around

Santa Ana Zoo is turning over a new leaf with it's new exhibit "Amazon Edge" the first segment of their 10 year renovation. Admission is \$3 for adults, and children 3-12 are \$1.

THEATER

Bah humbug

"A Christmas Memory" will be presented at The Alternative Repertory Theatre, at 1636 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana from Dec. 10-24. It'll nudge you into the Christmas spirit. Tickets are \$16 or bring a donation for a local food toy bank and pay \$11. Call (714)836-7929 for directions and tickets.

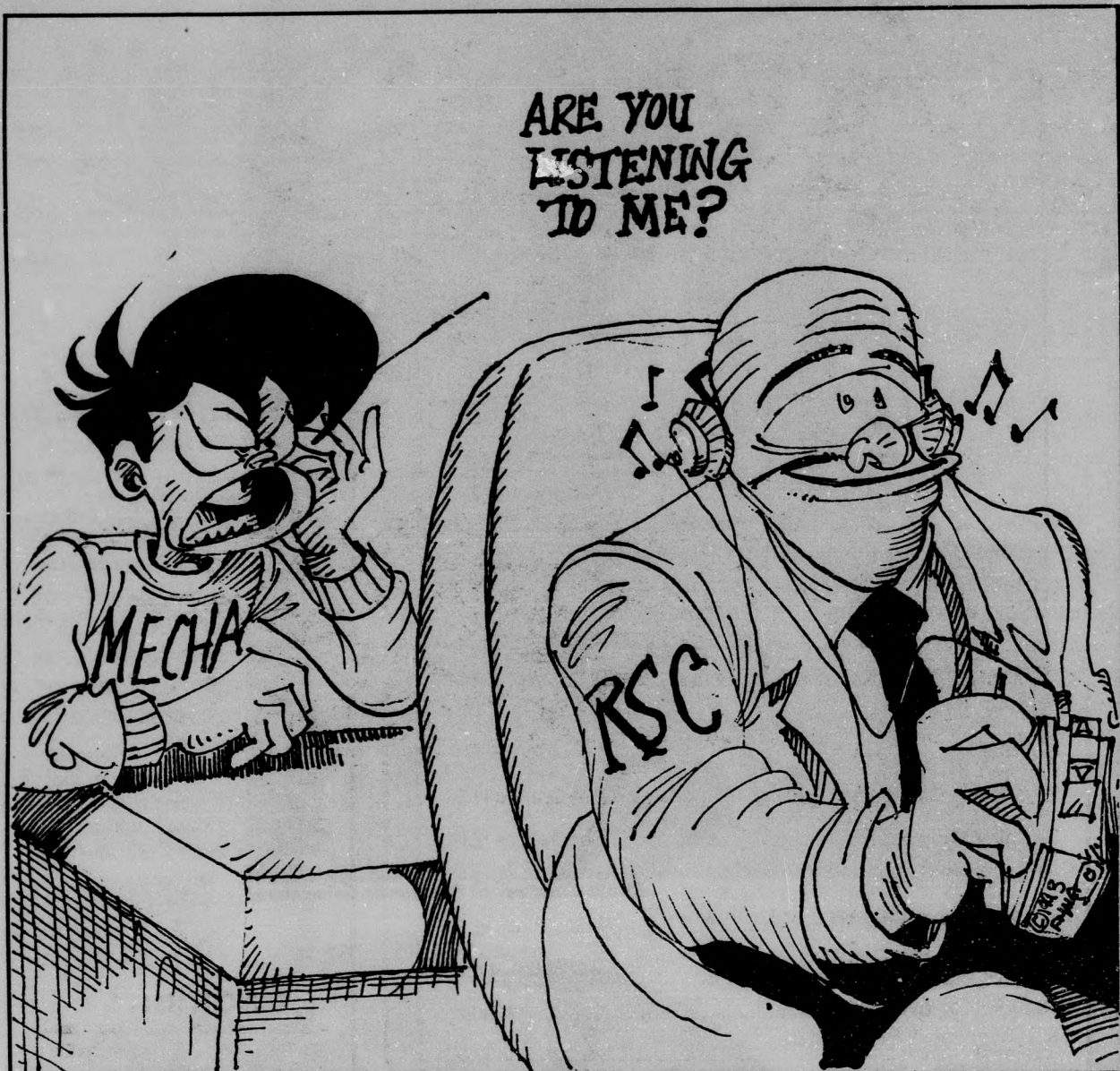


Opinion

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RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE el Don

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1993



■ Staff Editorials

Protest supports education

On Wednesday Nov. 17, students staged a protest demanding that a Chicano Studies Degree be re-implemented after a 10-year hiatus.

Members of MEChA are working on a proposal to give to the board of trustees asking for five new classes related to Chicano Studies as well as requesting that any new teachers hired for these classes be of Hispanic origin. They also want the Chicano Studies option of the Ethnic Studies degree to receive its own associate degree.

These demands might have a chance. Nearly one-third of RSC's student body is of Hispanic origin--definitely a large enough percentage to make administrators think twice about them.

What we find most strange is that two classes listed in the RSC 1992-1994 catalog as requirements for the Chicano Studies Option Degree, (Sociology 120, Ethnic Groups in Contemporary U.S. and History 153, History of Mexico) are not listed in the Fall 1993 class schedule. Is this because some administrator decided that there was not enough interest in this class to warrant the expense?

We feel that if enough students desire a degree in Chicano Studies separate from Ethnic studies then it should be available. They should recognize, however, that they need to enlist the help of others interested in these new classes in order to keep them going.

Sadly, this Phoenix will not rise

The recent death of actor River Phoenix sent a significant and well-felt tremor through society. Here was a revered actor, barely into his 20s who died from a drug overdose; probably the last thing anyone would expect from a person well-known as a vegetarian and animal-rights activist.

Immediately the media called the insinuations impossible, or at least very difficult to believe considering the clean-cut reputation of Phoenix. His mother was quick to blame societal influences on her son's drug problem.

All of this blame and awe gets away from the real issues. Primarily, that drug abuse can affect anyone. No social class, no profession, no one is exempt. If anything, Phoenix, as part of the Hollywood jet-set clique, was more susceptible than most. Was Phoenix a talented actor? Definitely. Does this give him some pedestal status that is immune to drugs or unaccountable to its effects? Definitely not.

Secondly, this tragedy, which affects hundreds of nameless, faceless Americans every year, might be averted if more parents took more participation in their children's upbringing. Psychological studies indicate that all major personality trends, including being at high risk of drug abuse, are developed by age five. Parenting, or lack thereof, is a child's main influence at that young age.

Examining, and eventually treating the causes of social problems like this should be the lesson of this tragedy. Yelling at the symptoms obviously isn't working.

Random Notes

by Jason Reed

So the Brady bill has finally received congressional approval; it's now the Brady law. Will a five-day waiting period for handguns help curb the rising tide of crime in America?

Californians will be exempted from the new law since we already have a 15-day waiting period. I think that the idea behind the bill is a noble one: to reduce the number of gun-related crimes in our increasingly violent society. However when you think about it the idea behind communism also sounds good, but in reality it doesn't work out as planned.

This law, while trying to keep guns out of the hands of criminals, will do the opposite. Criminals, although immoral and uncaring, are not stupid. If one knows he is going to shoot someone, will he do it with a gun that is traceable? If he tries to buy a handgun legally and gets turned down, you think he won't go out and get one on the street? Think again friend.

While the argument can be made that felons convicted of violent crimes should be prohibited from weapons purchases, what will happen is that a taxpaying, law-abiding citizen of these United States will be either shot, raped, mugged or victimized during their own special five-day waiting period with no personal protection. That to me is simply unacceptable.

if you can believe it, he actually sets up the apparatus that enables his victims to end their lives. Imagine, cancer victims and AIDS sufferers might actually be given the chance to choose when to end their suffering. We can't let that happen now can we?

When ordered to pay \$50,000 cash to buy his freedom, Kevorkian told U.S. District Court Judge Daniel Sawicki to "go to hell."

This is a man who helps people who are suffering--with no regrets, who sees a law that is immoral and challenges it, who stands tall, firm in his own beliefs in a court of law and defies a judge who could uphold an unjust law. This man isn't a criminal, he's a hero.

An anti-gang summit was held in Anaheim last Wednesday. It was attended by more than 750 educators, community activists, and law-enforcement officials. No matter how many new ideas that might've been developed at the summit, only one will help rid our streets of the violence that many gang members perpetrate: parental responsibility. Until all parents are held responsible for their children's actions the violence and fear will continue to proliferate.

Nudity on national TV? Unheard of...until now. ABC has made the first step with its controversial new show, "NYPD Blue." A disclaimer appears before the show explaining that it will contain "adult situations and partial nudity."

I think it's about time that national TV actually mirror real life, where people swear, act crude and violent and get buck naked.

Good for you ABC, stepping over the edge takes heart. Maybe the other networks will follow suit. Let's hope so.



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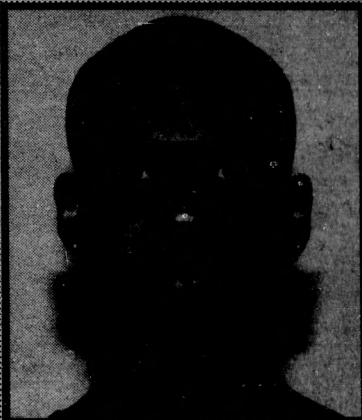
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Dons' Basketball Preview 1993-94



SEAN AMOS: RSC's leading scorer early in the season; wants to go to UC Berkeley



MATT KORDICK: expected to give Dons inside scoring; one of three sophomores on the team

MEN'S TEAM

POS HT WT/YR

Guards

- 5 Nathan Small 6-1 155/FR Chino H.S.
11 Juan Castro 5-10 160/FR Santiago H.S.
21 Michael Oliver 5-10 170/FR Esperanza H.S.
23 Nick Holt 6-3 180/FR Millikan H.S.
33 Vladimir Nieto 6-0 180/FR Marina H.S.

Guard/Forward

- 41 Sean Amos 6-4 195/SO Foothill H.S.
31 Marlon Watson 6-3 187/FR Savanna H.S.
43 Tim Tenpas 6-5 175/FR Anaheim H.S.

Forward

- 45 Matt Kordick 6-7 195/SO Esperanza H.S.
51 Aaron Aguilera 6-3 205/FR El Modena H.S.

Center/Forward

- 53 Jeff Layne 6-8 215/SO Santa Margarita H.S.

Center

- 55 Matt Umbarger 6-10 231/FR Western H.S.



SONIA RAMIREZ: is majoring in child development; one of two returners to this year's team



YAMIDA OLMEDO: a newcomer to this year's team; majoring in psychology

WOMEN'S TEAM

POS HT WT/YR

Guards

- 21 Griselda Cervantes 5-3 FR Orange H.S.
33 Kathy Hang 5-1 FR Saddleback H.S.
24 Sonia Ramirez 5-2 SO Santiago H.S.
11 Linda Salazar 5-3 FR Saddleback H.S.
10 Tanja Tili 5-3 FR Makelanrinn
14 Luz Trejo 5-2 FR Mexico
32 Roseli Wilhoit 5-4 SO Santa Ana H.S.

Forwards

- 44 Candice Acosta 5-9 SO St. Joseph H.S.
20 Michelle Comette 5-9 FR Santiago H.S.
5 Veronica Garcia 5-6 FR Santa Ana Valley H.S.
42 Adelita Garibay 5-6 FR Junipa Valley H.S.

Forward/Center

- 22 Yamida Olmedo 5-10 FR Santiago H.S.

Schedules

1993-94 Men's

DATE	OPPONENT
12/2-4	Grossmont Tournament
12/10	Pomona Pitzer JV
12/16-18	Pasadena Tournament
12/28-30	RSC Holiday Classic
1/5	Cypress
1/7	Golden West
1/12	Saddleback
1/14	Irvine Valley
1/19	Fullerton
1/21	Riverside
1/26	Orange Coast
1/28	Cypress
2/2	Golden West
2/4	Saddleback
2/9	Irvine Valley
2/11	Fullerton
2/16	Riverside
2/18	Orange Coast
2/27, 3/3&6	So Cal Regionals
3/11-13	State Championships

All home games are played at Bill Cook Gym
All games begin at 7 p.m.

1993-94 Women's

DATE	OPPONENT
12/2-4	Cuesta Tournament
12/10-11	Palomar Tournament
12/15	Palomar*
12/21	Grossmont*
1/5	Cypress
1/7	Golden West
1/12	Saddleback
1/14	BYE
1/19	Fullerton
1/21	Riverside
1/26	Orange Coast
1/28	Cypress
2/2	Golden West
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DON FORECAST



UP IN ARMS

A couple of Dons basketball players prepare for the coming season with hard practice sessions.

E. J. Campbell / el Don Photo

Freshmen the key for winning seasons

By Mark A. Peinado
el Don Sports Editor

The RSC men's basketball team begins the 1993-94 season with a new sense of excitement. The Dons have a lot of quickness, and will structure their game around defense and creating turnovers for easy baskets.

RSC returns no starters from last year and only sophomore inside players Sean Amos and Matt Kordick have game experience.

A few newcomers to the team are 6'3" guard Marlon Watson, 5'10"

point guard Mike Oliver and 5'10" off-guard Vlad Nieto.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Dana Pagett, RSC head basketball coach, but added "The team has an excellent attitude and a desire to work hard."

Some of the favorites to win this year's Orange Empire Conference championship are Saddleback, Riverside and Fullerton.

"I think we can compete. It depends on how much experience we can gain and how much we improve from now to the start of conference play," said Pagett.

Women's basketball starts the 1993-94 season with optimism. This year's team returns only two players, but head coach Myrond Brown thinks the women will be competitive.

"We need to avoid injuries and keep in mind our number one goal which is to get better each day," said Brown.

Guards Sonia Ramirez and Roseli Wilhoit are returning from last year. Some new recruits to this year's squad are forward/center Yamida Olmedo and guard Tanja Tili.

"We would like to make the playoffs but our inexperience could hurt us," Brown said.

STUDENT PROFILE

All wrapped-up in his work

Athletic training student Cesar Garza finds happiness in helping others

By Torsha Weathers
el Don Staff Writer

SANTA ANA CAMPUS - Cesar Garza, student athletics trainer, may not be a doctor but he puts a lot of effort into rehabilitating athletes in the training room at RSC.

Garza, 20, has attended this college for two years. "I was looking through Rancho's catalog and the only thing I could think of that I enjoy is physical education. I did some reading on athletic training and exercise science and after taking the classes, I knew that's what I wanted to do," said Garza.

Since completing the prerequisite courses, Garza is working on his internship by assisting the head trainers on campus. "People come in for preventive reasons or to rehabilitate injuries. We do things like ice, ultrasound, waveform and resistive exercises," said Garza.

Cesar's work often involves counseling and support to athletes as well.

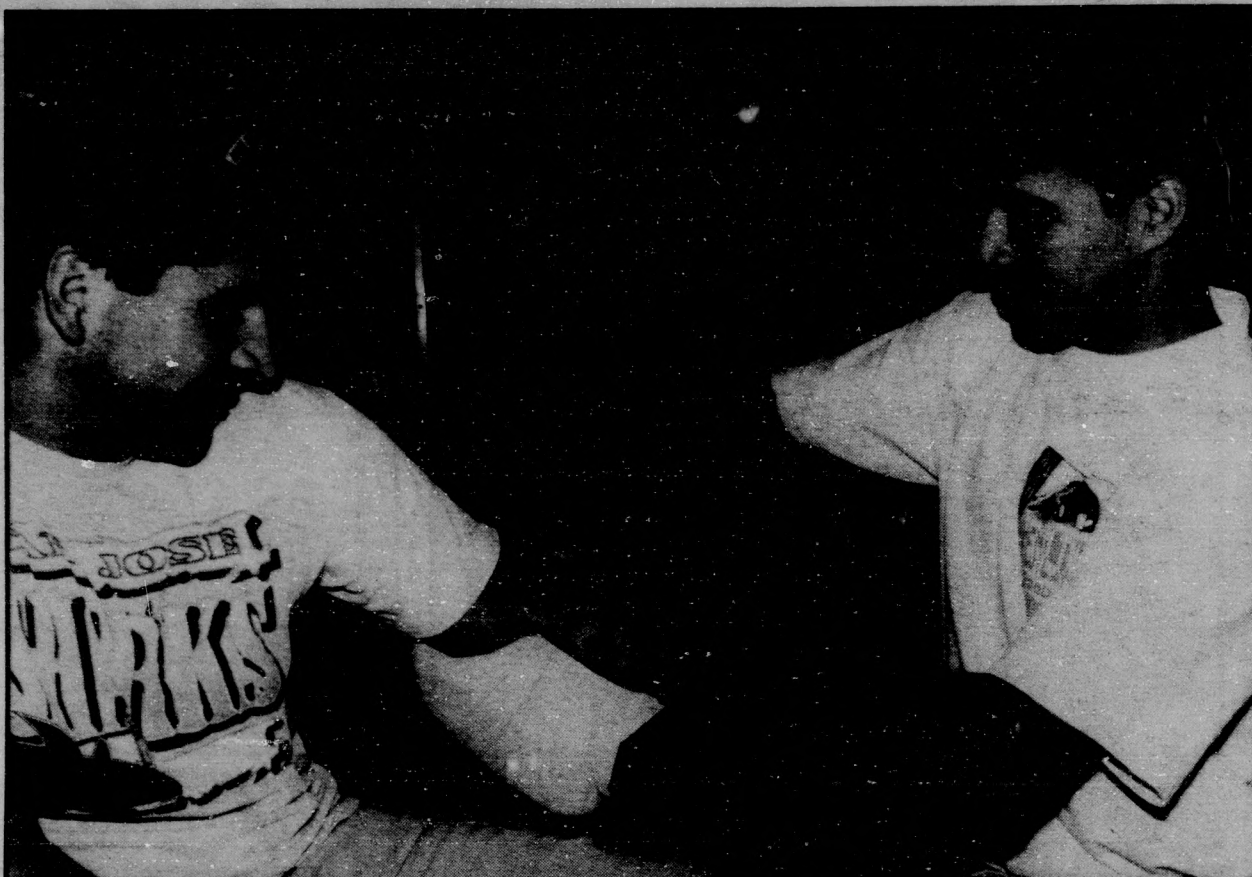
"As soon as athletes get knocked out because of an injury, they get down on themselves. You have to motivate them and get them back in to play," he said.

Nia Jones, an RSC student, comes into the training room every day for rehabilitation on her lower back and hamstring injuries.

"Everybody likes Cesar. He's a nice guy and around our age. When I hurt my back, I couldn't walk and he and another trainer helped me come in. I was in a lot of pain but he helped me calm down," she said.

Andre Mosley, a track and field athlete, recently sprained his ankle. He said Cesar is concerned for all the athletes that come in.

"He goes around and asks everybody how they are doing and if



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PACKING IT ON

Student trainer Cesar Garza wraps ice around the elbow of Daniel Schmidt, an RSC baseball player.

they are in pain," said Mosley.

Gary Kinney, head athletic trainer, is impressed by the qualities displayed by the new addition.

"Cesar is a good listener, he picks up on things pretty quickly, and doesn't mind working the odd hours. He's been helpful," said Kinney.

When Cesar isn't in the training

room, he enjoys weightlifting, running and competing in wrestling through the United States of America Wrestling Association.

He is very enthusiastic about being an assistant wrestling coach at Saddleback High, his alma mater. "I love it, it's the best job I ever had," said Garza.

Garza plans to transfer to California State University Long Beach or San Diego. He would like to eventually be an athletic coach at a community college, university or for a professional team.

"I like being in an athletic atmosphere and helping people," Garza said.

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